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SHAKAMAK STATE PARK

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This is YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules that we can fulfill the purpose for which this and other state parks were established, the preservation of a primitive landscape in its original condition and a place where you might enjoy the outdoors.

1. Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the park.
2. Firearms are prohibited at all times.
3. Dogs must be kept on leash while in the park.
4. There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Conservation.
5. Camping areas are provided at a fee of twenty-five cents per car or tent for each 24 hours or fraction.
6. Fires shall be built only in places provided, visitors must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
7. Motorists will observe speed limits as posted in the park and park in areas designated for parking.
8. Bathing is limited to such places and times as designated by the Department of Conservation.
9. Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water supply is tested regularly for purity.

CONSIDER THE RESULTS IF OTHER VISITORS USE THE PARK AS YOU DO

HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

Build Fires only in Designated Places.

See that cigars or cigarettes are out before they are thrown away.

Break your match before you drop it.

Report any violation of fire regulations to park officials at once.

FIRE IS THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PARKS AND FORESTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Division of Lands and Waters

Shakamak State Park

Established 1929

Area, 1,021 Acres

Located on Roads 48 and 159, near Jasonville.

Varied attractions are offered the visitor to Shakamak state park with its two artificial lakes for boating, fishing and swimming, a tree nursery and a fish hatchery and pheasantry offering demonstrations of reforestation and the propagation of game fish and birds. The park is located on rugged, wooded land and offers many opportunities for outdoor life and the enjoyment of nature.

The park is known throughout the state for its group camp facilities, used by 4-H club members and other organizations. The camp has accommodations for as many as 400 persons at a time.

SHAKAMAK PAVILION SHAKAMAK STATE PARK

Plate Lunches, Sandwiches, Refreshments
or Special Dinners are served

Attractive Cottages on the Lake Shore—Reservations
made at the Pavilion



The Intelligent Use of Leisure

This trail map is given to you with the compliments of the State of Indiana through its Department of Conservation in the hope that it will direct your attention to the primary purpose for which the state park system has been established.

These recreational areas are parts of "original America," preserving for posterity typical primitive landscapes of scenic grandeur and rugged beauty.

Along the quiet trails through these reservations it is to be expected that the average citizen will find release from the tension of his over-crowded daily existence; that the contact with nature will re-focus with a clearer lens his perspective on life values and that he may here take counsel with himself to the end that his strength and confidence is renewed.

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EACH INDIANA STATE PARK is fully equipped with all facilities for picnic parties or campers. The overnight camp fee is twenty-five cents (25c) per car, which partly covers the cost of fuel, water and sanitary maintenance. The water is tested frequently throughout the season by the State Board of Health. Shelter houses and refreshment stands provide rest and comfort. Hotel reservations should be made by mail direct to the Inns.

A *Points of Interest* map showing the complete state highway system and location of each state park, memorial, game preserve, fish hatchery, and forest reservation with a more detailed description of each; likewise the location of ninety other points of interest, is free. Ask any park custodian, or write the Department of Conservation, State Library Building, Indianapolis.

INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK comprises twenty-two hundred acres of primitive, beautiful, historical and amazingly unique Hoosier landscape. It lies in Porter County and includes three miles of Lake Michigan's south shore, all of which provides a magnificent beach capable of accommodating many thousand bathers.

Eighteen hundred acres are wooded, including swamps, and prairie bogs replete with the most diversified flora and fauna of the mid-west. Other acres are made up of drifting sand hills, peculiar to the Dunes region.

A three-story pavilion on the beach provides shelter, bath houses, and locker room, and houses cafeteria, complete restaurant and dining room service. Arcade Hotel, overlooking the lake, contains fifty sleeping rooms. Limited American plan service is available at Duneside Inn, the park's second hotel. Concrete

parking pavement on the beach accommodates twelve hundred automobiles.

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK in Parke County includes the finest of that interesting landscape for which Sugar Creek is famous. Here are the most spectacular gorges of the midwest, cut in sandstone by the action of glacial streams. Here also is an area of two hundred and eighty-five acres of virgin timber, including wonderful specimens of tulip poplar, walnut, oak, cherry, hemlock, sycamore and maple.

The heavy timber growth and the cool canyons decorated with lace-like ferns, moss and vines, provide a never ending thrill to nature lover and hiker.

Turkey Run Inn provides modern hotel quarters and meals. Shelter houses and refreshment stands are located in the picnic area.

POKAGON STATE PARK comprises nearly one thousand acres of the lovely, peaceful rolling landscape in Steuben County, two miles of which front Lake James. There are four hundred acres of deep woods. The big lake is a fisherman's paradise. Buffalo, elk and deer in their native habitat, but within strong corrals, represent the larger species of wild life once native to the mid-west. Excellent boating and bathing facilities, and tennis courts, offer wholesome recreation. Saddle horses are available and an eighteen-hole golf course is located nearby.

Potawatomi Inn's dining room seats three hundred capacity. Excellent cooking and modern guest rooms, make this an unusually popular lake park.

SPRING MILL STATE PARK of eleven hundred acres in Lawrence County, is perhaps the most unique of the state parks. Here in a beautiful little valley among

heavily forested hills is the restored pioneer village of Spring Mill with its massive stone grist mill operated by a flume and overshot water wheel. The post office, general store, apothecary, nursery, distillery, saw mill and numerous residences all furnished completely in the period of our forefathers, provide a never-ending delight to park guests.

To the student of nature, the caves and subterranean streams with blind aquatic life, are great attractions. Restaurant service and refreshments are available in the quaint old log tavern.

McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK in the White River valley in Owen County has within its boundaries some of the most majestic scenery of southern Indiana. The park is at the edge of the great stone belt, and is replete with ravines, gulches, and timbered slopes. Park woodlands are noted for the great profusion of wild flowers. A modern artificial swimming pool and bath house is in operation. Dormitories and mess halls for large camp groups make this park especially adapted to organization camps.

Canyon Inn, a modern structure, accommodates sixty-eight over-night guests, and serves special chicken dinners for week-end visitors.

BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK, in the heart of the mountainous hills of Brown County, has that spectacular topography of dense woods and wide, sweeping valleys, all readily accessible over modern, all-weather roads.

The Kin Hubbard Ridge development consists of a group of delightful and fully equipped cottages serviced by the Abe Martin Hall. This community group nestles in the forest fringe atop a promontory and commands an unsurpassed view of the area. The Hall

provides restaurant service or staple groceries. The cottages may be rented by the week upon application.

CLIFFY FALLS STATE PARK comprises a portion of the rugged, majestic landscape of historic Jefferson County near Madison, where the beautiful Ohio Valley is finest. The outstanding feature of this park is the water-worn gorge where Clifty Creek drops seventy feet from a stone ledge. Trails wind through the great hollow and along the sides of precipitous vine and fern-covered cliffs, giving access to wooded ravines and lesser water-falls.

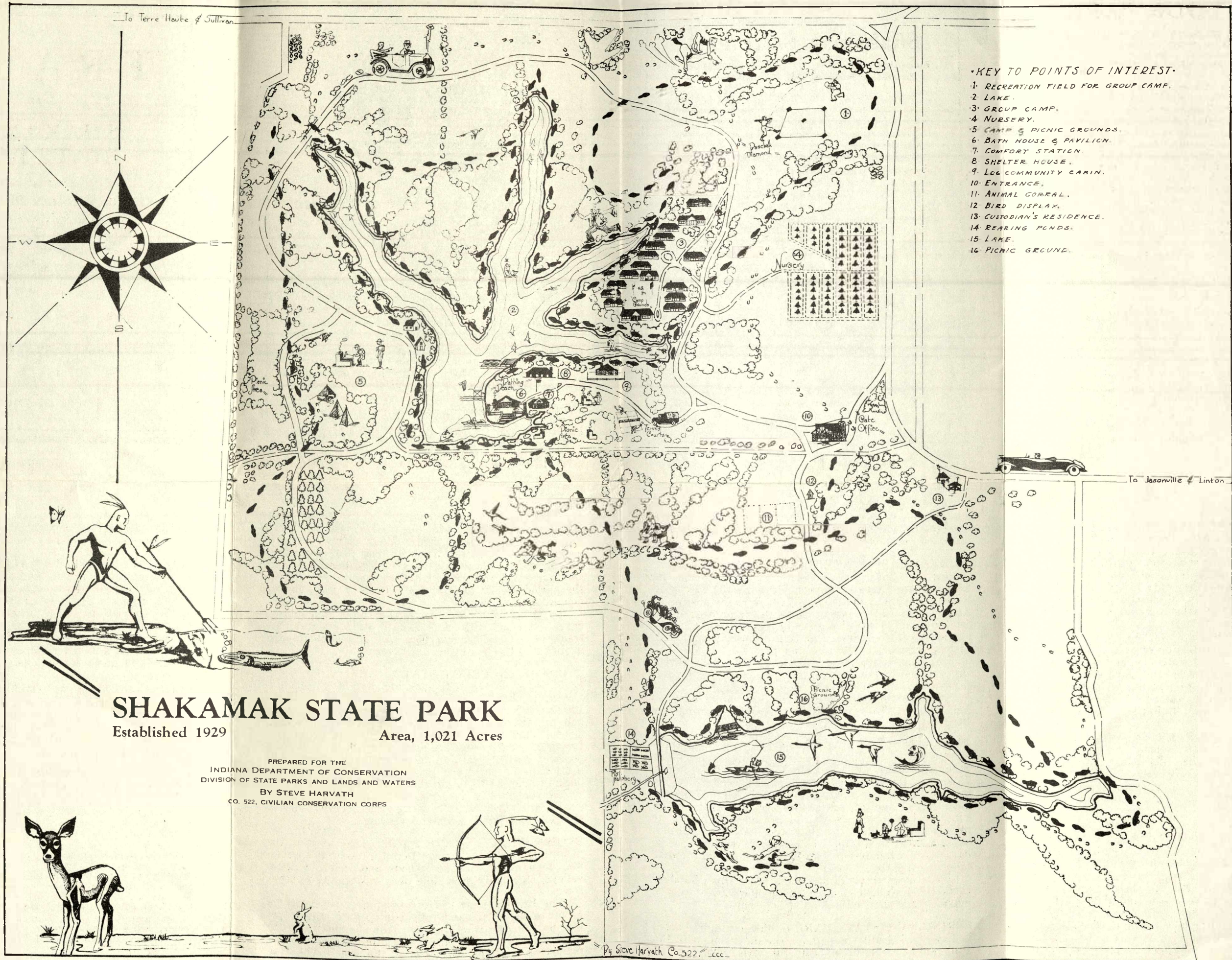
Clifty Inn is on the crest of a steep slope, four hundred feet above the Ohio River. The sweeping curves of the river, Kentucky hills far distant, and the panorama of Madison are unsurpassed, viewed from the Inn veranda. The Inn provides comfortable beds, immaculate housekeeping, and well cooked food in abundance.

MOUNDS STATE PARK, in Madison County, on the bluffs of White River, is a reservation set aside for natural recreation and preservation of a group of prehistoric earthwork monuments constructed by that vanquished American race known as Mound Builders. These mounds represent the largest and best preserved group in Indiana and are of great interest to laymen as well as archaeologists.

Excellent boating and picnic facilities are available; refreshments are obtained at the Pavilion.

MUSCATATUCK STATE PARK, in Jennings County, embraces the finest scenery, gorges and timbered slopes of the beautiful Muscatatuck River. This section of Jennings County long has been known for fine hunting and excellent fishing.

Muscatatuck Inn, with cottage rooms, provides delightful lodging and wholesome food for those seeking quiet and restful surroundings, and enjoys a wide reputation among motorists as a stop over point.



Water Playground Expanded

INDIANA ROOM

Shakamak Is Now a Lake Park

By Henry C. Prange
Chief Engineer

Another lake has been constructed at Shakamak State Park and one of the two existing lakes there has been doubled in size. This makes Shakamak a lake park and shifts this already well-established property to a water-oriented recreation facility.

The new lake which is now filling will have a total water surface area of about 250 acres. This, added to the 57-acre Lake Shakamak and the enlarged 60-acre Lake Lenape, will bring the total water surface area of the Park to 367 acres.

All of these lakes will be within the 1,760-acre park area. This raises

the ratio of water-surface-area-to-land-area to more than 21%, the highest of any Indiana State Park or State Recreation Area outside the flood-control reservoirs.

Actually, Shakamak has been a Recreation Area rather than a State Park from the very beginning! It does not meet the definition of a State Park as it is regarded by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

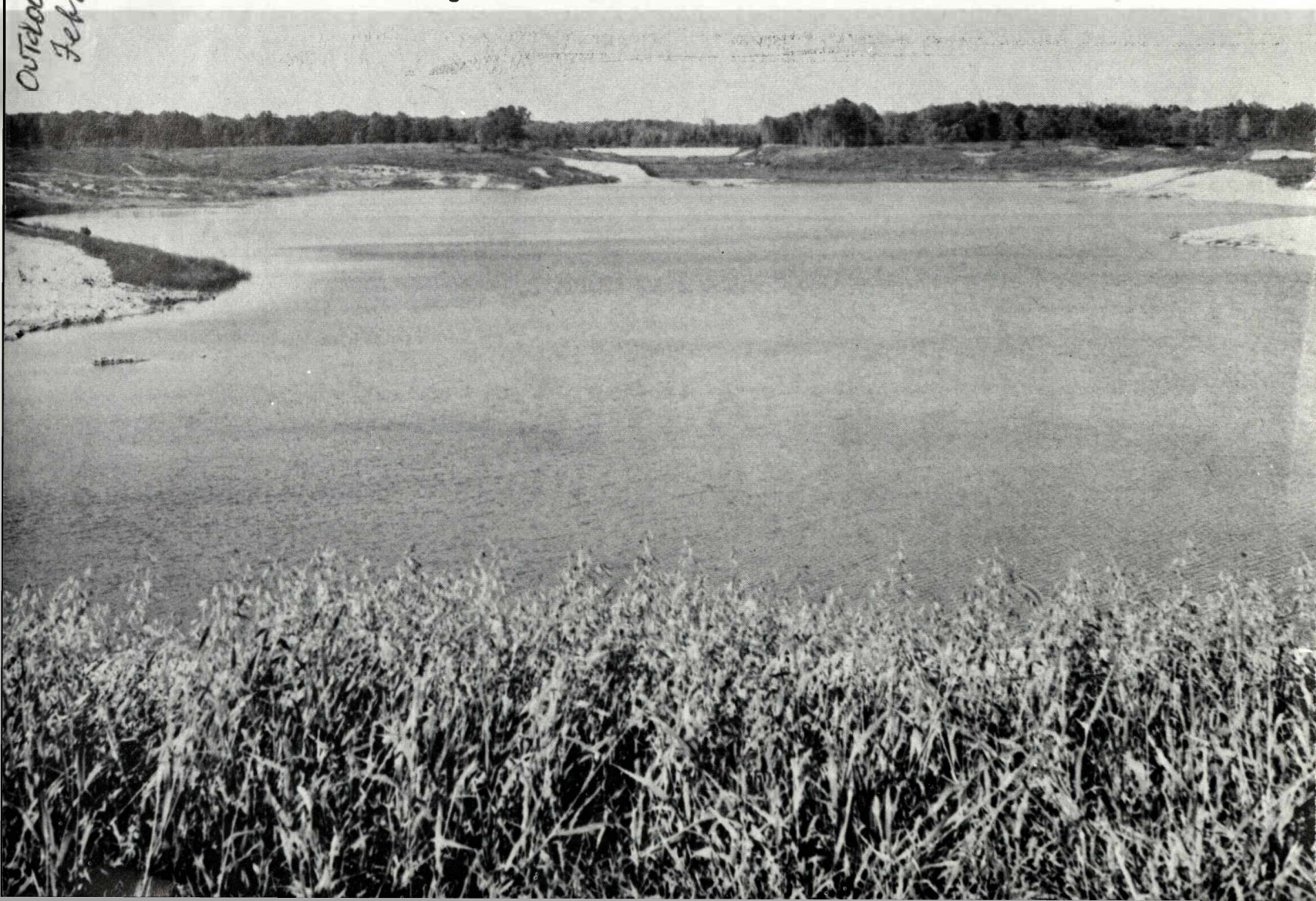
Shakamak does not possess either outstanding scenic area, outstanding geologic features, or significant historic values. Although remnants of two shaft mines existed in the area when the Park was established they were not outstanding or representa-

tive of Southwestern Indiana coal-mining activities.

Nevertheless, Shakamak has been an excellent recreation area, and with the additional lake and all the additional facilities planned it will be one of the outstanding Recreation Areas in the State. It serves as a shining example of what can be done with a locale by sound planning, perseverance, and a lot of hard work. This area should point out to us the possibilities from a recreational standpoint that exist with much of the Indiana strip-mine land.

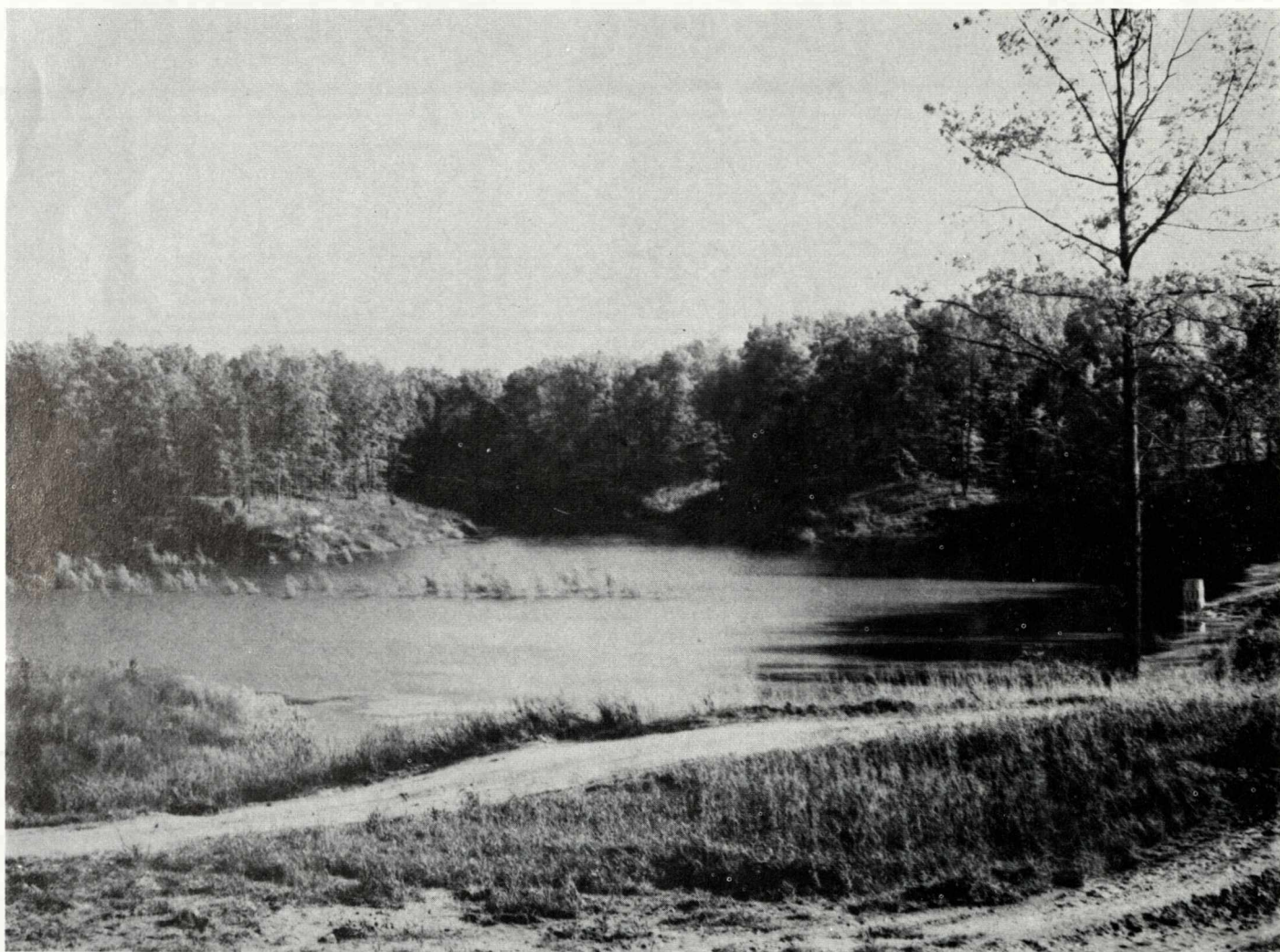
Shakamak State Park was established in 1929 when the people of Clay, Greene and Sullivan Counties

Looking North Across the New Third Lake at Shakamak



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donated approximately 1,000 acres of land to the State of Indiana.

When this writer first saw Shakamak in 1935—six years after it had been established and its development was well underway—the area was not very inviting from a scenic standpoint. A few patches of woods seemed insignificant when contrasted with the large gob piles and big areas with little or no vegetation.

However, development of the area had already made great strides. In 1930 a 52-acre lake had been formed by simply closing the culvert under an old railroad fill. 1931 saw construction of a small bathing beach and a log structure to serve picnic groups.

Two Four-H clubs camped at Shakamak for the first time in 1931 and have used this Park every year since that time. At present nearly 5,000 Four-H Club boys and girls from 26

A View of Shakamak's Lake Lenape.

Indiana counties camp at Shakamak every year. The "alumni" of Shakamak's Four-H Club Camp run far past the 100,000 mark.

A forest nursery was established in 1932. In the beginning it was planned and operated by the Division of Forestry of the Conservation Department (now the Department of Natural Resources). Later it was taken over by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The fact that this nursery was planted so soon after the Park had been established and that later the CCC Camp was blessed with able and dedicated landscape personnel are reasons that today we find such a great variety of trees and shrubs at Shakamak.

The Four-H Club Group Camp was constructed in 1934 and has been

in continued use since with only minor additions and renovations.

The Great Depression in the early 1930s brought federal participation in development of the Park. WPA built Lake Lenape and the Civilian Conservation Corps established a camp in 1934 and stayed until March, 1942.

The planting of trees and shrubs over most of the area; the building of roads, parking areas, bridges and trails; the installation of utilities, water supply, sewage disposal and electric service; the construction of buildings such as shelters, comfort stations, saddle barn and family cabins; the development of a large family campground, and the construction of a large beach with a 50-meter Olympic swimming course and a 10-meter diving tower were all accomplished by CCC. Only a relatively small amount in funds for materials and



engineering service for planning was furnished by the State.

In 1942 a Park Inn was planned for Shakamak. A construction contract was awarded and excavation for the basement completed. Unfortunately a jurisdictional dispute between labor unions halted the project for many months and finally caused cancellation of the project.

Since swimming and diving facilities for Olympic competition were constructed, annual swimming and diving meets have been held at Shakamak every year. Many of these have been of national significance.

After the CCC program ended in 1942 *family cabins* were constructed by private contract in two separate stages. Today we have *family cabins* at Shakamak. These are very popular

Lake Shakamak Has Long Been a Popular Feature.

for family vacations and are in great demand.

This brings us up to the present. What is new at Shakamak today? What about the continued development of this beautiful significant recreation area?

Again, as shortly after the establishment of Shakamak about 40 years ago through a cooperative effort of State, local and Federal Government units, a big expansion program for this area is well underway. [An article by K. W. Harris of our Division of Water described in detail in the December-January, 1966, issue of Outdoor Indiana the degree of participation of each governmental unit.]

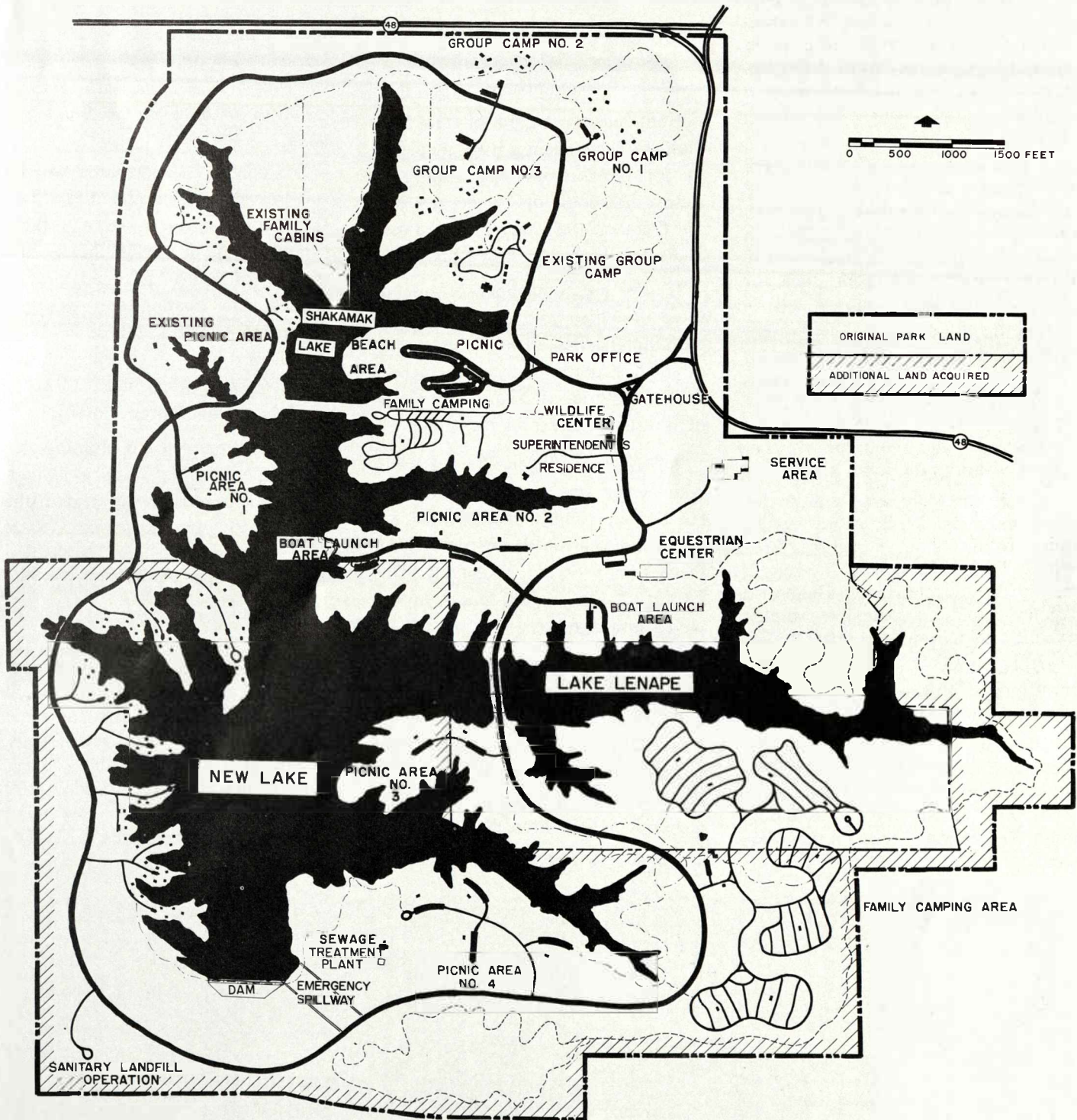
Thus far approximately 720 acres

of additional land have been purchased. A lake dam for a new 250-acre lake has been constructed. The lake is now filling with water. Total filling time is estimated to take approximately two years because the ratio of drainage area to water area at Shakamak is relatively small.

When the new lake was built it became necessary to abandon the existing sewage disposal plant, now inundated. A contract for construction of a new sewage disposal plant and necessary sewer lines was awarded to Doyle Brothers of Washington at a total cost of \$185,500. Construction is now 85% complete. The Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will bear 50% of the cost.

A boat-launching ramp and a 127-car parking area for the new 250-acre lake have been designed and are

DEVELOPMENT PLAN SHAKAMAK STATE PARK



now ready for bids. The estimated cost of this project is \$66,000. Again, the U. S. Soil Conservation Service will bear half the cost.

An engineering design contract for a 120-acre unit of family campground has been awarded. We expect completion of the engineering plans by Spring. Construction of the campground units can begin as soon as funding of the project can be arranged.

A new master plan of development for the entire area has been prepared and is now being printed. This plan outlines in detail all the additional recreational facilities desired to make this a complete recreation area for this section of the State.

New facilities include a large 240-unit family campground in a new location, two additional group camps for Youth Organizations, 64 family-cabin units along the West shore of the new lake, and an interpretive center for visitors and youth groups.

At present there are facilities for group camping, family cabins, swimming, fishing, boat launching, boat rental, hiking picnicking, horseback riding, and bicycle riding. There also is playground equipment, a wildlife exhibit and naturalist service.

Construction of all additional improvements, however, must wait for allocation of funds.

When we can proceed with completion of all facilities as outlined in the master plan we will have in Shakamak one of the most outstanding State Recreation Areas in the Midwest.

Why Not Fly to A State Park?

*By Mrs. Esther Berner,
Director, State Aeronautics
Commission*

Both Indiana and out-of-state families are using their private planes to fly for pleasure all year long. Any sunny day, look up in the sky and see them on their way to fun, faster and safer than on crowded highways.

If you are a member of one of these families you probably know that Indiana has an excellent system of small airports, many of them near scenic, historic, or Man-made places of unusual interest in our State.

To enjoy Pokagon State Park—with water fun on Lake James in the Summer and skiing, bobsledding and sleigh rides in the Winter—fly to the Tri-State Airport at Angola. This airport has a 2,800-foot runway, paved and lighted.

There is a 2,200-foot grass airstrip which is next to an excellent golf course on our largest natural lake, Lake Wawasee. Near other nearby lakes is a good airport at Warsaw, with a runway of 5,000 feet and lighted at night.

Airports at Indiana State Parks are

high on the priority list of the State Aeronautics Commission, and each reservoir in the State with suitable terrain is to have an airstrip eventually.

The one at Lake Monroe will be near the new marina at Fairfax State Recreation Area and within walking distance of the new lodge there. Lake Monroe, of course, is noted for fine fishing, with boating and camping facilities available. Monroe is Indiana's largest body of water, but unlike Wawasee it is Man-made. Most of this lake is in Monroe County.

Already completed is Huntington's new airport facility with a lighted, 3,300-foot paved runway next to the new Huntington Reservoir. Salamonie, Mississinewa, and Huntington comprise the new Upper Wabash Reservoir triad.

One of the best maintained is the Roscoe Turner airstrip at Shades State Park. This is a 3,500-foot sod strip, with a picnic area adjacent which is equipped with charcoal grills. Shades is known for hiking trails through the beautiful wooded hills of Sugar Creek. Just a few miles downstream from Shades is Turkey Run State Park.



Private Planes Increase Mobility.



From the Dunes in the North to the Ohio River on Indiana's Southern border, many varied spots are easily reached by air. From Valparaiso's airport (a 6,000-foot lighted runway) you can drive to Dunes State Park on the shore of Lake Michigan, with three miles of sparkling sandy beach and sand hills, some shifting and some fixed. Behind the dunes are densely forested areas and marsh land in which over 1,000 species of plants and trees thrive.

The airport at Monticello serves

There Are Many Places for Holiday Landings.

the many resorts around Lake Shafer-Lake Freeman.

At Bedford Airport, automobiles can be rented to drive to the limestone quarries where 90% of the world's limestone is produced, or to Spring Mill State Park to see its reconstructed pioneer village, its huge old mill, or its caves and their unique blind fish.

Columbus Municipal Airport is a good spot from which to drive to Brown County to enjoy the beauty of its famous hills.

Brown County is accessible from Bloomington airport, too. Brown County includes Brown County State Park, Monroe Reservoir, Yellowwood State Forest and the T. C. Steele State Memorial and is near McCormick's Creek State Park, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, and the new Atterbury State Fish and Game Area.

While visiting Brown County State

Park, Spring Mill State Park, Pokagon State Park, McCormick's Creek State Park, Turkey Run State Park, or Clifty Falls State Park near historic Madison, you may wish to stay in one of the State Park Inns, now open year-round.

The historic city of Vincennes, on the Wabash River, was Indiana's first Territorial Capital. Vincennes has an airport with all modern facilities, including a 5,200 foot runway. The "Trailblazer Railroad" makes bus tours of Vincennes, including the George Rogers Clark National Memorial, the Indiana Territory State Memorial, and *Grouseland*, the home of William Henry Harrison, first Governor of Indiana Territory, and ninth President of the United States. [See pictures on Pages 22-27.]

In the hills of Southern Indiana's Orange County is the famous French Lick resort, served by the French Lick airport which has a 4,400-foot paved runway.

At the Southern edge of the State is Madison with a good municipal airport. Madison is noted across the nation for Federal and Greek Revival architecture and for the annual Governor's Cup hydroplane races on the Ohio River. In scenic Madison is the James F. D. Lanier State Memorial, and close by is Clifty Falls State Park.

Every Autumn many private planes are taking fans to football games at Indiana University, Purdue, Notre Dame, and the numerous other Hoosier colleges and universities. Other events which attract groups coming in by plane, include Summer and Autumn festivals at numerous county seats.

Of course, all year long the larger airports of the State are host to people *flying for fun*. There is a large choice of accommodations nearby, and rental cars are available to bring



**Flying Appeals Particularly
to Young People.**